

Clinton County Highway Committee
Minutes
May 10, 2023 7:30 a.m.

1. Mr. Ken Knolhoff called the meeting to order at 7:30
2. Attendance:

Ken Knolhoff	Committee Chairman
Joe Jansen	Committee Member
Mike Hilmes	Committee Member
Brad Knolhoff	County Board Chairman
Dan Behrens	County Engineer
John Toedte	Highway Department Employee
Bill Wade	Highway Department Employee
3. Mr. Ken Knolhoff made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 15, 2023 meeting. Mr. Jansen seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.
4. Public Comment: Mr. Toedte and Mr. Wade expressed displeasure on the way the Maintenance Foreman has been overseeing the maintenance crew and how he treats the employees. They gave a number of examples of how they think mistakes are being made and how he treats employees in less than a professional manor.
5. Mr. Behrens gave the Committee the box culvert replacement on Huey Road that is scheduled for June 19th and the road will be closed for 2 weeks. The remaining work such as the building up of the approach roads and the concrete patching will be done under traffic at a later date.
6. The Committee discussed potential summer employees. Mr. Behrens said they only have 2 applicants. Mr. Behrens said that they do not advertise these positions but speak with the local high school shop teachers about potential employees. In the future they may need to change this because it is getting more difficult to find temporary employees. The one applicant is the child of one of the full time employees. This was discussed but it was decided that any potential conflict with the relationship to an employee would not be an issue because the full time employee would not be a direct supervisor. The second employee lives in Marion County just east of the Clinton County line. It was decided to offer to position to the resident of Clinton County but if she declined then the offer would be made to the other applicant as there are no other Clinton County residents that applied.
7. Mr. Behrens said that they are still waiting for IDOT to return the contracts for the End Road bridge replacement. Lake Contracting wants to construct this in June.
8. Mr. Behrens said they plan to begin leveling about 1.5 miles of Stolltown Road just north of New 50 with hot mix asphalt sometime in the near future. This needs to be completed prior to the Huey Road culvert project.
9. Mr. Behrens said that he is waiting for a engineering agreement with HMG to provide structural engineering services for the bridge just north of Hoffman.
10. Mr. Behrens told the Committee that he will contact HMG Engineers to get a structural engineering agreement to provided design services for a bridge on Huey Road over Prairie Creek.
11. The highway department is working on plans for resurfacing Albers Road that will take place next year.
12. The Committee approved the current bills.